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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NW SCHEDULE CHANGE

1. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 29, NORTHWEST PROPOSES TO INCREASE WEEKLY FREQUENCIES TO JAPAN FROM 28 TO 30. THE INCREASE WILL INVOLVE TWO ROUND TRIP FLIGHTS WEEKLY BETWEEN CHICAGO AND TOKYO.

2. NORTHWEST POINTS OUT THAT, ALTHOUGH JCAB IN MAY DIS-APPROVED ITS EARLIER REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF THREE CHICAGO-TOKYO FLIGHTS, ON AUGUST 15 JAPAN SLOT COMMITTEE CONFIRMED NW'S NEW FILING FOR TOTAL OF 31 FREQUENCIES FOR WINTER 1978/79 SEASON. NEW PLANS TO OPERATE ONLY 30 FREQUENCIES. FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS, NW WILL CHANGE ONE CHICAGO-ANCHORAGE-TOKYO FLIGHT TO DIRECT
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CHICAGO-TOKYO SERVICE AND, THEREFORE, WILL ONLY NEED TWO ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS TO ACHIEVE DAILY CHICAGO-TOKYO SERVICE.

3. AS WITH NW'S EARLIER REQUEST FOR THREE ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES, USG HAS REVIEWED PROPOSED;SCHEDULE AND HAS FOUND ADDITIONAL CAPACITY OF TWO MORE FREQUENCIES TO BE

CONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL AGREEMENT AS AMENDED AND
RELATED SIDE UNDERSTANDINGS.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN NEW SCHEDULES FROM
NW REP AND TO PRESENT THEM TO APPROPRIATE JAPANESE
AUTHORITIES ASAP.

5. DEPARTMENT SURPRISED NW REPORTEDLY ABLE OBTAIN
ADDITIONAL FOUR SLOTS PER WEEK IN LIGHT REPORTS
WORSENING FUEL SITUATION AT NARITA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
EMBASSY COMMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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